photographs affixed on forged passports; 160 USA green-cards and 30 multiple entry visas of UAE.

(ii) 5 persons have been arrested in case FIR No. 198 dated 5-7-1991 u/s 471|468|420 IPC, Police Station Gokalpuri (North-East). The following incriminating documents have been seized:—

4000 forged passports, driving licences and large quantity of printed documents.

(iii) 4 persons have been arrested in case FIR No. 110 dated 8-3-1991 u/s 420|468|471|120-B IPC, Police Station Mandir Marg, New Delhi. The following incriminating documents have been seized:—

Eight fake passports of Singapore alongwith blank visa/visa-stickers of U.K., West-Germany and Canada.

Hike in pre-paid taxi fare

*158. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Tribune dated June 27, 1991, captioned 'Arbitrary hike in pre-paid taxi-fare alleged;

(b) whether Government have probed into the alleged hikes in pre-paid taxi charges, which are collected at the Railway Stations and Airports, in collusion with the police on duty; and

(c) if so, what are the precise allegations and what is the result of the probe?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to a report in the Indian Express dated June, 27, 1991 with the caption 'Arbitrary Pre-paid taxi fare hike alleged;

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Compensation to Indian working in Kuwait

*159. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of Indian workers in Kuwait who suffered financial losses during the Iraqi aggression;

(b) whether there is any plan to pay compensation to such persons; and

(c) if so, what are the proposals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The estimated number of Indian nationals in Kuwait including dependents before the on-set of the Gulf crisis in August 1990 was 1,72,000. It is not possible to indicate separately the number of workers, as break up of categorywise employment is not available. All our nationals have suffered financial losses.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The United Nations Security Council. under Resolution 687 of April 3, 1991 has decided to create a fund out of which compensation claims will be met. The fund will be administered by the United Nations Compensation Commission. A percentage of Iraq's earnings from export of petroleum and petroleum products will be paid into the fund. The United Nations Security Council has sought information from governments on claims from them, their corporations and their nationals. Such information is being collected by the Government and it will be transmitted to the Commission in a consolidated form for procsseing.

Treatment to Israeli Tourists

*160. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports which

appeared in the Hindustan Times of 30th June, 1991. about the shabby treatment meted out to Israeli tourists who having been kidnapped by militants in Kashmir secured their own release. and the lack of diplomatic initiative against Pak-backed militants; and

(b) if so, whether Government have probed into the matter specially into the conduct and behaviour of the concerned authorities with the Israeli tourists and the diplomatic measures taken and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. the report in the Hindustan Times had come to the notice of the Government. The Israeili tourists who returned to Delhi from Srinagar on 28th June 1991 were appreciative of the assistance rendered to them. So the question of probe into conduct and behaviour of concerned officials does not arise.

The Government of India have taken suitable steps to apprise the international community about involvement of Pakistan in terrorist activities in Punjab and J&K. As a result, there is increasing recognition of it among many countires.

Filming of the "Price of Power"

@565. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the filming of a TV film "The Price of Power" which was scheduled to be shown on British TV on 2nd April, 1991 and was filmed in Rajasthan showing the radiation at Kota Nuclear Plant and its after effects in the surrounding villages;

(b) if so, whether its filming had the permission of Government; and

(c) if not, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

@Previously Unstarred Question 346, Transferred from 18-7-91.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The High Commission of India, London, conveyed Government of India's strong reservations about the film to Channel-4 and requested it not to telecast/the film. Channel-4 offered *instead* a 'Right of Reply.'

Deptt. of Atomic Energy has intimated that it will be exercising the 'Right of Reply'. A film is being *produced by it* in reply to the issues raised in the Channel-4 film. The film when complete will be sent to Channel-4 for telecasting.

Development of Telecommunication facilities in Tamil Nadu

566. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of plans for the development of telecommunication facilities in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the number of new telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in the State by the end of 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Development plan for Tamilnadu for 1991-92 envisage provision of a gross addition of 63,400 lines which will partly be utilised for replacement of life expired exchange equipment. 23.500 net additional telephone connections will be provided in Tamilnadu during 1991-92, including 1.500 local and STD public telephones. Additionally, 6 electronic telex exchanges, 2 electronic trunk automatic exchanges and 15 STD stations are also proposed to be added during the current year.

(b) There is no proposal for installation of a new telephone exchange but 223 new electronic exchanges of various sizes and 2 new cross-bar exchanges are proposed for installation for replacement of existing electro-mechanical and